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H. R. 977

To require the Corps of Engineers to notify affected communities before releasing water contaminated with cyanobacteria from flood risk management projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Toxic Health Threat
5 Warning Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELEASES OF WATER CONTAMINATED WITH CY-**
2 **ANOBACTERIA.**

3 (a) DETERMINATION.—Before releasing water from
4 a flood risk management project, the Secretary shall deter-
5 mine whether the water is contaminated with cyanobacte-
6 ria, based on tests conducted by the Secretary, another
7 Federal agency, or the State in which the flood risk man-
8 agement project is located.

9 (b) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary determines
10 under subsection (a) that water to be released from a flood
11 risk management project is contaminated with cyanobacte-
12 ria, the Secretary shall notify the public and affected gov-
13 ernments of the contamination and planned release, and
14 any potential effects on human health, before releasing the
15 water.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) AFFECTED GOVERNMENT.—The term “af-
18 fected government” means a State, local, or Tribal
19 government with jurisdiction over an area that will
20 be affected by a release of water from a flood risk
21 management project.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
24 of Engineers.

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